

Judge E. B. Gantt is making the Circuit Court efficient—things are accomplished without delays. Judge Gantt has saved Audrain County in jury fees nearly \$3400 for 1916 and 1917 as compared with the two years previous. That's a good showing. Why should court proceedings be allowed to drag and why should unnecessary delays ever be allowed? Rush the school thru and when it is out quit and go home. Not meaning to imply disrespect, but we have seen lawyers in charge of cases before now who seemed to have the hookworm. Judge Gantt is vs. the snail movement in all the proceedings of his court.

Here's hoping that C. F. Kehl may be appointed to succeed J. E. Fish as Division Freight and Passenger Agent for the "The Only Way," Mr. Fish having been transferred to Peoria, Ill. Mr. Kehl is competent and efficient and one of the most obliging fellows to be found anywhere.

J. E. Fish, Division, Freight and Passenger Agent of the Chicago & Alton Railroad with headquarters in Mexico, is soon to become General Agent for his road, to have headquarters at Peoria, Ill. John Fish is a very fine fellow. The Message is sorry that we are to lose him from Mexico.

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#### NOTICE!

I have moved my shop to the West side of Dr. McIntyre's Barn. Good stalls in which to hitch free. Come up.

JOE PRATT.

#### MADE NO RETURNS.

The County Draft Board has posted the following as having failed to report their questionnaires: Frank Batterton, Sturgeon, Mo.; David Byers, Mexico, Mo.; and Ramon M. Carroll, Mexico, Mo.

If they continue delinquent the charge against them will be the same as desertion from the army.

Miss Winnie Settle, near Mexico, had a reserve corn crop. Recently she sold Jim Marshall of Centralia 250 bushels at \$1.00 per and she yet has a supply of near 500 bushels on hand. Miss Settle is a student in Mexico High School. She is going after practical things in her education, all right, it appears.

The coal famine in this town is now passed, we are told. You just couldn't get the black diamond, it was not here to be had. Now, however, you can get all you can pay for, thanks to McAdoo, or somebody who was ready to do—maybe when he had to. If it was Mc., his control of the railroads may explain.

The Mexico Shoe Factory is to double its capacity. Mexico will need from 75 to 150 more families to supply the labor.

The following soldier boys from Mexico are stationed at Camp Johnston, near Jacksonville, Fla.: Lt. M. J. Sannebeck, Cave Johnson, Maurice Barth and Kenneth Sanford. They are training in the Quartermaster's School. Camp Johnston is one of the finest in the country.

We are all glad to see C. A. Barnes able to be around again after his late siege with typhoid fever.

#### GREETINGS TO FRIENDS.

Bachelor, Mo., Jan. 3, 1918.—Editor Message: Please find enclosed a dollar for which please extend my time for the Message another year. I wish The Message and all my friends around Mexico a happy New Year.

MRS. FRANK LOTT MARTIN.

J. G. Crawford, Milt Householder and other prominent farmers north of Mexico desire that the electric railroad shall continue operations from Mexico to Santa Fe and are endeavoring to organize some force to keep the cars running. We sincerely hope they may succeed.

#### CHAMP CHIMES.

The many friends of James Heinlen will be glad to hear of his rapid recovery from an operation for hemorrhoids at the Mexico Hospital.

C. Zuelfs, while working at a shredder at Will Heinlen's Thursday, had three fingers torn from his left hand by being caught in a cog wheel.

Mrs. John Blain has returned from a protracted visit with her sister in Michigan.

Ralph Dean killed a nice fat porker recently, stored it away in his smoke house, but next morning he found that every piece of meat that had ever had a foot on it had walked off and Ralph was left to eat the middling.

Sunday was a regular Klondiker. However it did not stop James E. Booth who was seen motoring down the road with a team of horses hitched to the front of his auto. We suppose he was joy-riding.

John Kane sold \$1300 worth of hogs from three sows last year besides keeping enough for his meat.

James Crockett lost a calf by bloat from eating oil meal, another was saved by sticking a knife in it.

Menter and Paul Davis have bought a new tractor and will make the dirt fly in the spring.

#### BEREA ITEMS.

J. D. Worley and wife were called to Nevada, Mo., Friday by the death of Mrs. Worley's brother, Hiram Schanbach.

Master Joe Ridgeway is critically ill of risings in his head and stomach trouble.

Almer Mundy is ill of appendicitis. Oscar McIntosh is assisting Buddie Cawthorn with his farm work.

J. W. Gorrell accompanied Harvey

Gorrell and wife of Crocker, Mo., who had been visiting him, to Moberly Saturday where they will spend a few days with Mrs. Haywood McAdams. Jake Theiner and wife of Cabool, Mo., came back with them to visit Forest Clemens and R. L. Miller.

G. A. Goodrich and son, Wade, were in Kansas City first of the week.

Midway Church called Rev. L. H. Harbord as their pastor for next year. He will meet with them on the 3rd Sunday in this month. But during the year regular meeting day will be the second Sunday.

Rev. I. N. Turnage who resigned as pastor at Mt Zion to accept a call to a church nearer home, filled his last appointment as pastor at Mt Zion Saturday and Sunday.

Buddie Cawthorn purchased two gifts from Robert Miller at \$22 each and a milch cow from Chas Bradley.

The Red Cross unit to which ladies of Molino belong met Thursday with Mrs. Dr. Flynt to sew.

Ira Fisher and wife of Molino have christened their new son, who arrived at their home New Year's eve, Alexander Martin.

We miss the electric car ever so much and hope that the management may decide to resume operations on the line again in the spring.

#### HOLLENSVILLE.

We now have the greatest snow of the winter.

Dave Roberts started to Iowa Saturday for medical treatment.

Geo. Campbell, Jr., of Jefferson City, visited his father last week.

Farley Campbell recently sold to J. McDowell 6 fat hogs at \$16 per cwt. Church meeting at Midway Saturday Rev. L. H. Harbord was called as pastor for 1918.

Cecil Mallory and wife of St. Louis visited relatives here last week. Dwight Carpenter recently visited in St. Louis.

Mrs. Rude Maudox spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. Clay Berrey, of Mexico.

Little Mary Barbara and Maude Ethelyn Ketter after a two weeks visit in Mexico with their grandmother, Mrs. Ketter, returned to their grandfather's, M. Householder Saturday.

#### ANDREW TRATCHELL.

Mr. Andrew Tratchell died at Benton City Sunday morning. The wife and two children survive. The children are Mrs. Alfred Hicks and Walter Tratchell, of Benton City. A sister also resides at Benton City, Mrs. G. E. N. Whitcutt.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, made at its November Term, 1916, and renewed December 26th, 1917, directing the Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Charles Vail, deceased, to sell the whole or so much of the real estate belonging to said Charles Vail, at the time of his death, as would be necessary to pay the debts due and owing by said estate and legacies, I will, on

MONDAY, The 11th Day Of FEBRUARY, 1918,

at the East front door of the Court House in Mexico, Audrain County, Missouri, and during the session of said Probate Court, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, situate in Audrain County, State of Missouri, to-wit: The East Thirty-five (35) acres in width of all that part of the Southeast fourth of the Northeast Quarter of Section Eight, (8) Township Fifty (50), Range Seven (7), West, except Thirty (30) feet off of the south side thereof, the intention being to convey 35 acres of land off of the east side of said Quarter Section, after a strip Thirty feet in width is taken off of the south side thereof, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay debts due and owing by said estate and the costs and expenses of Administration.

JOHN W. HOWELL,

Administrator of Estate of Charles Vail, deceased, with Will annexed. First insertion January 10th, 1918.

The Chamber of Commerce pulled the plum for the Shoe Factory extension. The Factory guarantees to spend over a million dollars in Mexico paid out for wages in the next ten years. The Chamber of Commerce is all right. It is going after thing John Stuart, its secretary, is a hustler. And Col. Burton, the president, is a hustler, too. He never quits till he has accomplished his object.

#### MRS. TIMBERLAKE DEAD.

Mrs. Amanda Timberlake, aged forty years, died at her home in Mexico early Sunday morning. She had been in failing health for some time.

Mrs. Timberlake was from Ralls County. She moved to Mexico from Dallas, Texas, last August.

The husband survives her. There are three children—Mildred, Ben and Cornelia. The following brothers and sisters survive: T. A. Gallaher, Kansas City; J. W. Gallaher, Mexico; Mrs. G. W. Wilson, Temple, Texas; Mrs. J. E. Strief, Mexico; and Mrs. B. C. Jordon, of Louisiana, Missouri.

The funeral was held at the home Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. A. Wallace. The pallbearers were A. P. Green, W. N. Jones, Jr., Dr. J. C. Pasqueth, Harry McGee, Si Phillip, and J. E. Strief.

#### THOMAS WALTERS.

Thomas Walters, sixty-six years old, died at his home in Mexico Sunday morning. He had been ill for some time. Five children survive him—John, of Delaware, Ohio; Ray of Hannibal, Sadie, of Eagle Creek, Oregon, and Hobson and Mary, of this city.

The funeral was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Judd Tuesday afternoon. Burial in Elmwood.

#### MILT FOX DEAD.

Milt Fox, 85 years of age, a pioneer citizen of Mexico, died at the home of his son, Ed Fox, in this city, Sunday morning. The wife and two children preceded him to the grave. The children surviving are: Mrs. John Jeffries, Mrs. Sol Fox and Lee Edgar, Joe and Geo. Fox, all of this city.

The funeral was held at the Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon conducted by Rev. C. C. Grimes. The burial in Elmwood. The pallbearers were: S. P. Emmons, John Beal, John W. Howell, John Godbersen,

The Third Liberty Loan is to come February 15th.

## Notice of Special Election

Notice is hereby given that at the November Term of the County Court of Audrain County, Missouri, held at Mexico, Missouri, on the twenty-fourth day of December, 1917, being the fourth day of said Term, a petition of R. Lee Alford and more than one hundred others of the qualified electors of said Audrain County praying for a special election to authorize the levy of an annual tax of not more than one-half of a mill on the dollar for the purpose of purchasing real estate for hospital purposes and for the construction of hospital buildings and for the maintenance of same, or for either or all of such purposes, was taken up and considered and the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Order calling a special election to authorize the levying of a tax of not more than one-half of a mill on the dollar for the purpose of purchasing real estate and for the construction of hospital buildings and for the maintenance of same, or for either or all of such purposes.

IN THE MATTER OF A PETITION OF RESIDENT FREEHOLDERS FOR ESTABLISHING OF HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF MEXICO.

Now at this day, December 24, 1917, the petition of R. Lee Alford and others for the establishment of a hospital in the City of Mexico, in Audrain County, Missouri, coming on for further consideration, the Court finds that on the 3rd day of December, 1917, there was filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court a petition of R. Lee Alford and more than one hundred other resident freeholders of said County, the text of which petition is as follows:

Petition For Hospital.

To the Honorable County Court of Audrain County, Missouri:

We, the undersigned one hundred and more petitioners, state that we, each and all are resident freeholders of Audrain County, Missouri, and that fifty of the signers of this petition are not residents of the City of Mexico in said County, in which said City it is proposed to locate a public hospital hereinafter mentioned, ask and petition said Honorable Court that an annual tax may be levied for the establishment and maintenance of a public hospital in the said City of Mexico in said Audrain County; and we specify in this, our petition, the sum of \$75,000 as the maximum amount of money proposed to be expended in purchasing or building said hospital.

We further petition and ask that said Honorable Court submit the question to the qualified voters of Audrain County at a special election to be by said Court called for that purpose; first, giving ninety days notice of said election in one or more newspapers published in Audrain County, including in said notice the text of this petition and stating in said notice the amount of taxes to be levied upon the assessed property of Audrain County, which taxes your

petitioners ask shall not exceed one-half mill on the dollar, for a period of time not exceeding twenty years, and be for the issue of bonds to provide funds for the purchase of a site and the erection thereon of a public hospital and hospital buildings and for the support of the same, which said election your petitioners ask to be held at the usual voting places in said County of Audrain for voting upon county officers and that the vote thereat be canvassed in the same manner as the vote for the county officers is canvassed.

The Court, after further considering the said petition and after having been fully advised of and concerning the premises, doth find that said petition is signed by more than one hundred of the resident freeholders of Audrain County, and that more than fifty of said petitioners are not residents of the said City of Mexico.

It is therefore considered and ordered by the Court that a special election be held in Audrain County, Missouri, at the usual voting places in said County for voting for State and County officers, on the

Fifth Day of April, 1918,

and that there shall be submitted thereto the qualified electors of said County of Audrain the question whether there shall be levied upon the assessed property of Audrain County a tax of one-half of one mill on the One Dollar for the purchase of real estate for hospital purposes and for the construction of hospital buildings, and for maintenance of same; and that the Clerk of this Court cause to be given ninety (90) days' notice of said election by publication in the Mexico Missouri Message a certified copy of this order of Court as and for the said notice.

Now therefore in pursuance to said above order the Court does hereby order that on April fifth, 1918, an election be held at the usual voting places in Audrain County, Missouri, for County officers, to vote on the proposition to levy a tax of one-half mill on the one dollar for purchasing real estate for hospital purposes and for the construction of hospital buildings and for the maintenance of same, or for either or all of such purposes.

ALEX CARTER, P. J. STATE OF MISSOURI, County of Audrain, ss. I, Ross B. Cauthorn, Clerk of the County Court in and for said County, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true copy of the proceedings of our said County Court, on the day and year above written, as the same appears of record in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court, at office in Mexico, this the 24th day of December, 1917.

(SEAL)

R. B. CAUTHORN, Clerk County Court.

#### McMILLAN NEWS.

By William Hickman.

L. B. Hawthorne, who was superintendent of Mexico Public Schools several years ago, has been chosen by the Board of Education to succeed Prof. Herbert Pryor. This action was taken last week and Mr. Hawthorne has entered into the duties of his office.

The Military insignia has arrived. The commissioned officers were given silver buttons for the shoulder straps and a braid for the sleeves. Captains wear three buttons on each shoulder; first lieutenants wear two buttons; second lieutenants, one. Uniform braids are worn by all commissioned officers. Non-commissioned are wearing chevrons on the sleeves. Practically every boy in school is now in uniform. The rest of the uniforms have also arrived.

First of a series of debates before the assembly was held last Friday. The subject for discussion was the question for the state league, "Resolved, That a Federal Law providing for compulsory arbitration between employers and employees is wise and feasible." The first squad as chosen before the holidays, composed of Hershel Clevenger, William Walker Johnson, and William Hickman, upheld the affirmative, while John Bybee, Claggett Offutt, and Gibson Winans made the negative speeches. Professor Peeler acted as chairman. The judges, Major Stoy, Mr. Strunk and Miss Welch, selected Hershel Clevenger and W. W. Johnson as the representative team for the season. This team will debate the Perry High here Jan. 11. Several more debates will be held.

A skating party was held Thursday evening at C. & A. Lake by the Senior Class. Misses Elwang, Hilper and Reed were the chaperons.

The Sophomores enjoyed a skating party on Friday evening at the C. & A. Lake. Mr. Strunk and Mr. Peeler were the chaperons.

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#### PRAIRIE LEA.

Mrs. Edgar Stuart returned Saturday from Louisiana where she visited kinfolks.

Fred Klusman returned from Camp Funston where he visited his son, Edward.

Leo Shire and Claude Morris are in Quincy where they will attend Business College.

Edna Shire entertained a number of friends with a movie party in honor of her brother, Leo.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Erdel Jr., entertained Tom, Edna and Leo Shire, Zelpha Williams and Harold and Irene Rogers Thursday night. Refreshments and a jolly good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stuart entertained Will Frazier, Arch Thomas, Jack Stuart, and Miss Stuart.

Pauline Ketter and Margaret Mackie spent the week end at Arthur Ketter's.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ketter entertained a number of friends Friday. M. T. Pierce had to call the aid of a veterinary to two sick horses.

Miss Ethel Campbell has become the bride of Will Boeger. These are two of our very best young people, we wish them happiness.

Mr. Harris, Rockwell City, Iowa, accompanied Frank Rogers home and spent the week looking after mule interests here. Iowa people are learning the value of Missouri mules.

That Saturday, Red Cross day in Mexico, drew the people out from this part of the country.

Earl and Rodgers Hays spent a good time while at home.

Frank Ruse and family visited James Ruse at Mexico recently. Chas. Shoup visited Gray Hook.

Mrs. Clayton Snook entertained several small friends with a spend-the-evening and stay-all-night party.

The West Lick correspondent of The Laddonia Herald says: Stock at Chas. Teague's sale brought good prices: Sheep, \$25 to \$30; hogs, 16c to 17c per pound; calves, \$35 to 40; cows, \$56 to \$80; one team of horse mules went to Frank Scroggins, \$342.50; a pair of mare mules to S. P. Dubray, \$330. The two Eds get there when it comes to getting prices for stock. The Catholic ladies had a splendid dinner and everybody ate so much that Ed. Atchison couldn't sell a sandwich for a penny after the sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnett have a new daughter in their home born the 3rd inst.

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Trinity—First Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m.

Bethel—Second Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Groves Chapel—Second Sunday, 3 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m.

Olivet—Fourth Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

J. L. NICKERSON, Pastor.

Mrs. Mason Creasey, at the Hospital for treatment, is gradually improving.

Miss Esther Rodhouse is assisting in the office of the Chamber of Commerce.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Sarah B. Black, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, bearing date the 15th day of December, 1917.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

JAMES A. BRADEN, Administrator.

Attested by me this 15th day of Dec., 1917.

W. W. BOTT, Judge of Probate.

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